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54 Infantry Battalion

October 1942

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.211
(adapted.)

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Unit 54 AUST. INF BN

Date and Time.—From 4 Oct To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>Bellemeuse</i>	<i>4 Oct 44</i>		<p>The Camp Area has now assumed a far more favourable aspect than was presented on the Unit's arrival. Adequate showering arrangements have been provided, drainage improved, kitchens and Coy. messes constructed, hot water tanks installed and the disposition of sub-units and details studied and altered to achieve the best general results possible.</p>	
	<i>4 Oct (even)</i>	<i>2200</i>	<p>3 Aust Comps Mobile M/T Instructional Staff moved in at 1700 hrs to-day. Maj Crosswhite <i>DCM</i></p>	

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<i>Belleme</i>	<i>4 Oct 42</i>	<i>(con)</i>	<p><i>is in charge of this Staff, whose object is to provide a series of courses each of 4 days duration for the instruction of all Officers within the Bde. in supervision of M/T maintenance and discipline.</i></p> <p><i>The School provides a most comprehensive array of instructional stores and models. The course has been arranged by 3 troops as a result of heavy Workshop entries and the apparent general slackness of des. in maintenance and M/T management</i></p>	

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<i>Bellona</i>	<i>4 Oct (con)</i>		<i>generally. The benefit of the instruction promises to be extensive</i>	
"	<i>5 Oct</i>		<p><i>The principal topic current, and indeed for some time, is the news which came late last night that Major J. G. Collier who has been Adm. Comd. of this Unit - has been promoted to Lt. Col. to comd. the Battalion.</i></p> <p><i>The promotion is widely acclaimed, since Lt. Col. Collier has earned the respect and confidence of the entire Unit</i></p>	

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			<p>both while he occupied the appointment of 2i/c Bn, and particularly since he has been adm. comd., after the transfer to 2 Aust Div. of the former C.O. Lt Col. Browning.</p> <p>The Battalion looks forward with confidence to the leadership of its new C.O.</p>	
	<u>5 Oct (am) 2209</u>		<p>The M/T School commenced this morning at 0830 hrs. and comments have already been made of the obvious efficiency</p>	

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			<p><i>in the conduct of the course and the successful fulfilment of the object attempted. 6 Offrs. from the Unit will attend each course</i></p>	
	<u>6 Oct 2014</u>		<p><i>In pursuance of increased field training, the four rifle Coy with attd. supporting dets. from E and HQ Coys. moved out to-day for five days bivouac and field exercises in the KALAMUNDA area. The move out constituted an exercise of pursuit and delaying action with incorporation of mobile</i></p>	

W. Mackinnon

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			<p>forces. Training in River Crossing, tank hunting, infiltration and mobile defence, and re-introduction of night tug, constitute the phases to be concentrated on. Attempts have been and are still being made to stress qualities of resource, initiative, offense and improvisation. The response being made by the troops is comforting and the basic object of "hardening up" is being realized.</p>	
	10 Oct		<p>Purple Coys returned last night from four days field exercises. Troops fit, spirits high.</p>	

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	<u>11 Oct.</u>		E Coy moved out to SWANSONNE Range at 0800 this morning for M.M.G. practices. HQ Coy will follow to-morrow and are spending to-day principally on musketry drill as a final "brush-up".	
	<u>12 Oct.</u>		The remainder of the Unit are devoting the day to M.T. loading in attempted modification occasioned by the suggested reduced scale of M.T.	
	<u>12 Oct.</u>		Refile Coys again move out for field tug and six days bivouac. The first few days will be occupied by revised	J

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	<u>12 Oct (con)</u>		emphasis on pl. and coy. in defence and attack, with the period culminating in a combined Bn. exercise comprising Mobile Ops.	<i>D</i>
	<u>15 Oct.</u>		The projected construction of permanent 'A' and 'Q' huts in this Area is being realised, and material and workmen arrived in our Area this morning for commencement of work to-morrow. Three huts have been sited - one for Bn. H.Q., one for Bn. Q.	

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			<p>and the third for Coy. C.Q. stores.</p> <p>The only other activity at present with the bulk of the Unit in the field is the ^{further} improvement of the camp area by maintenance parties which have remained in.</p>	
	<u>18 Oct.</u>		<p>The troops returned by M.T. today from the field and their spirits and morale on their arrival was pleasingly good.</p> <p>The 2/64 Dental Unit which is established in our Unit lines has been rendering</p>	

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			<p><i>21 Oct (cont) Perth to-day with the Bde. group. The salute was taken by Sir James Mitchell—Lieut-Governor of this state. The ceremonial was witnessed by large crowds who lined the route through the city streets. They gave the troops an encouraging reception, which must necessarily contribute to an augmented state of morale, and which certainly did provide an excellent "brightening up."</i></p> <p><i>An extensive tactical exercise</i></p>	

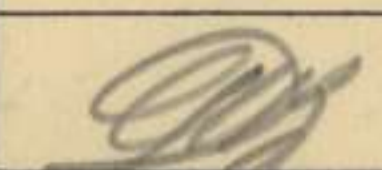
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			<p>excellent service in prompt dental attention. Dental "calls up" have been proceeding continually, and the convenience availability and accessibility to the such attention is being fully exploited.</p>	
	<u>21 Oct.</u>		<p>The Adjutant, Capt W. A. Cantrell, has arrived back this morning to resume his duties of appointment, having completed an Engineering Course (S. M. E. Liverpool).</p>	
			<p>The Unit marched through</p>	

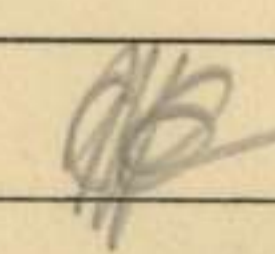
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Belleme	21 Oct	2100	<p>The main item occupying the attention of all ranks is the proposed change of location from Belleme to Gin Gin. With the late arrival of orders from Pde, & cancellation of New Orders, has made the production of detailed orders impossible, nevertheless a brief Adm (20) has been produced as attached.</p> <p>The new area is not as well developed (?) as the present area. However the unit is quite used to developing areas.</p> <p>The activities of Empire supplied by the 4th East Div. for the exercise proved most instructive & was expressed by all a little than a marks school.</p>	

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			<p>by another Bde. has occasioned the withdrawal of twenty officers from this Unit to perform the duties of Umpires for the exercise which will extend over the period of 23-28 inst. The Unit has also to provide an Independent Force of 2 Offrs and 34 O.S.'s with a vital rôle in the exercise. The Unit will be exercised in individual tug. by coys. during this time, with special attention devoted to Small Arms tug.</p>	

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TO *54th INF* Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM *54th INF BN*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

1/10/42

Strength	State	Ax	<i>Nil</i>	and	<i>27</i>
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E	<i>2</i>	and	<i>6</i>		
F	<i>Nil</i>	and	<i>116</i>		
G	<i>8</i>	and	<i>237</i>		

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SIGNED *D. H. BLACKWELL*

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D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

Brigade,

In reply to Number

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54 BN OUT WAR DIARY

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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Originator's Number

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TO ^{54 BN} ~~54 BN~~ ^{1st INR.} Brigade,
D.A.C., 2nd Echelon.

FROM	54 Aust. Inf. Bn.	Originator's Number		Date	3/10/42	In Reply to Number	
Strength		Ax	7	and	Nil		1
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and		B		and	Nil		Nil
C	27	and			816		Nil
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F	Nil	and			16		
G	7	and			43		

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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust. Inf. Bn

Originator's Number

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SIGNED D. W. B. WELLS

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2nd Echelon

D.A.G., 2nd Echelon

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TO *5 Aust. Inf* Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM <i>54 Aust. Inf Bn.</i>	Originator's Number	Date <i>5/10/42</i>	In Reply to Number
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Strength	State	Ax <i>17</i>	<i>Nil</i>	and	<i>Nil</i>
Ay		and		Az	
and		B	<i>Nil</i>	and	<i>2</i>
C	<i>27</i>	and	<i>811</i>	D	<i>Nil</i>
E	<i>2</i>	and	<i>6</i>		
F	<i>Nil</i>	and	<i>16</i>		
G	<i>7</i>	and	<i>50</i>		

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Remembrance

*20/12 from War State
(forward to list)*

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TO
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
Brigade,

FROM
2nd Post 1st Bn.

Originator's Number
Date
In Reply to Number

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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust. Inf. Bn Originator's Number Date 6/10/42 In Reply to Number

Strength	State	Ax <u>A</u>	<u>NIL</u>	and	<u>1</u>
Ay		and		Az	
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C	<u>27</u>	and	<u>809</u>	D	<u>NIL</u>
E	<u>12</u>	and	<u>16</u>		
F	<u>NIL</u>	and	<u>16</u>		
G	<u>7</u>	and	<u>51</u>		

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D.W. CROCKWELL
Adjutant 3rd Lt

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TO **54 BN. DIARY** *INF* Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Originator's Number

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In Reply to Number

7/10/42

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TO: D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
Brigade,

In Reply to Number	Date	Originator's Number	FROM
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TO 5 Aust. Div. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM	54 Aust. Inp. Bn	Originator's Number		Date	8/10/42	In Reply to Number	
Strength		Ax	A	and			1
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OUT BLGOTWELL

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TO	FROM
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.	24 Aust Inf.
Brigade,	
24 Aust Div.	

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C	and	858		
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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 52 Aust. Inf. Bn. Originator's Number Date 9/10/42 In Reply to Number

Strength	State	Ax <u>A</u>	<u>NIL</u>	and	<u>NIL</u>
Ay		and		Az	
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C	<u>27</u>	and	<u>814</u>	D	<u>NIL.</u>
E	<u>2</u>	and	<u>6.</u>		
F	<u>NIL</u>	and	<u>16.</u>		
G	<u>7</u>	and	<u>46.</u>		

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SIGNED

Michael Lynd
52 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Bde Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust. Inf. Bn Originator's Number Date 10/10/42 In Reply to Number H.B.

Strength	State	Ax <u>A</u>	<u>NIL</u>	and	<u>6</u>
Ay		and	<u>NIL</u>	Az	<u>300 E</u>
and		B	<u>11/10/42</u>	and	<u>100 (sender)</u>
C	<u>29.</u>	and	<u>818</u>	D	<u>NIL</u>
E	<u>12</u>	and	<u>6.</u>		
F	<u>NIL</u>	and	<u>16</u>		
G	<u>8</u>	and	<u>43</u>		

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN
0800

SIGNED D. W. BLACKWELL
54 Aust. Inf. Bn

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

Originator's Name

No. of Group

Reinforcement

CALL IN

AND INSTRUCTIONS

DRIFT

10 ORs G.C. Adv. Ref. Dept, Northam

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as per. Auth. Ref. Order 112 Serial 62

D.A.G., 2nd Echelon

In Reply to Number

Date

Originator's Number

H.B

10/10/45

FROM

Strength

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3 ORs promoted to Lieut. since return of 9/10/45.

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS
54 BN OUT WAR DIARY

No. of Group
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust. Inf. Bn Originator's Number Date 11/10/42 In Reply to Number

Strength	State	Ax <u>19</u>	<u>NIL</u>	and	<u>NIL</u>
Ay		and		Az	
and		B	<u>NIL</u>	and	<u>NIL</u>
C	<u>29</u>	and	<u>823</u>	D	<u>NIL</u>
E	<u>2</u>	and	<u>6</u>		
F	<u>NIL</u>	and	<u>16</u>		
G	<u>8</u>	and	<u>38</u>		

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WAR DIARY

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TO *54 BN.* Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

Strength

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TIME OF ORIGIN

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS TO

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WAR DIARY

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D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

Brigade,

FROM

Strength

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T.H.I.

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Serial No

OFFICE DATE STAMP

No. of Group

GR

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No

**CALL BN. IN
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OUT**

No. of Group

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 5th Aust. Inf. Bde Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 5th Aust. Inf. Bde

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

FROM

Strength

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

0900

SIGNED *[Signature]*

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T.H.I.

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MESSAGE FORM

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AND
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OUT

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TO
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
Brigade,

In Reply to Number

Date

Originator's Number

FROM

Strength	State	and	and	and	and	and	and

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN 54 BN. DIARY OUT	No. of Group	Serial No.
		GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM	54 Aust. Inf. Bn	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Strength	State	Ax	and	
		and		
and		B	and	
C	29	and	D	
E	12	and		
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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED *D.W. BACK* (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

INSTRUCTIONS AND CALL IN BY BN. 1903

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TO: 2nd Echelon, D.A.G., Brigade, 2nd Div. 1903

FROM: 2nd Echelon, D.A.G., Brigade, 2nd Div. 1903

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T.H.I.
T.O.R.

In Reply to Number
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Date
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Originator's Number
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MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN 54 BN. DIARY OUT

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GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM			Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Strength	State	Ax	NIL	and	NIL
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and		B	NIL	and	NIL
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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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TIME OF ORIGIN

SIGNED *A.W. Blackwell* (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

T.H.I.

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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS
BY BR. IN
DUTY

No. of Group
GR.

Office Date Stamp
Serial No

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TO 2nd Echelon
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon
Bridge,

FROM	Strength	State	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
2nd Echelon	37	and	12/18	12/18	
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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

54 BN. DIARY OUT

No. of Group
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. Originator's Number Date 16/10/42 In Reply to Number

Strength	State	Ax	and	and	
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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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TIME OF ORIGIN

0830

SIGNED: D.W. [Signature] (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

T.H.I.

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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS
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54 BR. IN
DIARY
OUT

No. of Group
GR.

OFFICER DATE STAMP

Serial No

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TO
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
Brigade,

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Originator's Instructions
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TO 5 Aust Inf Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust Inf Bn

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

Strength

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

0900

SIGNED

O.W. BLACKWELL

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T.H.I.

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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS
IN
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Serial No
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No. of Group

GR.

Reinforcements

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TO 2nd Echelon, D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
Brigade, 20/10 A.R.D., 20/10

In Reply to Number

Date

Originator's Number

FROM

Strength	State	and	and	and	and

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CLASSIFICATION

TIME OF ORIGIN

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MESSAGE FORM

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	54 BN.		
	DIARY OUT		OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM <u>5th Aust. Inf. Bn.</u>	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
		15/10/42	

Strength	State	Ax	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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and		B	NIL	and	NIL
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E	12	and	6		
F	NIL	and	17		
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No. of Group

Serial No

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 2nd Lt. ...
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
Brigade,

21

In Reply to Number

Date

Originator's Number

FROM

Strength

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T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN 54 BN. OUT DIARY	No. of Group GR.	Serial No. OFFICE DATE STAMP
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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM <u>54 Aust. Inf. Bn</u>	Originator's Number	Date <u>20/10/42</u>	In Reply to Number
Strength	State	Ax <u>A</u>	and <u>3</u>
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and		B	and <u>NIL</u>
C	<u>33</u>	and	D <u>NIL</u>
E	<u>2</u>	and	
F	<u>NIL</u>	and	
G	<u>4</u>	and	

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SIGNED <u>[Signature]</u> (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)		T.H.I.

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MESSAGE FORM

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 DIARY

Serial No
 No. of Group
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 OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO
 D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
 Brigade.

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FROM
 24 Art. Bn.

Date
 20/10/51

Originator's Number
 101

In Reply to Number

Strength	State	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
	AK		3	
	B		3	
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T.O.R.

TIME OF ORIGIN

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN
DIARY
OUT

No. of Group
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

Strength

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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS
IN INSTRUCTIONS
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OUT

No. of Group
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Serial No

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TO
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
Brigade,

FROM

24 April 1954

In Reply to Number

Date

Originator's Initials

24 April

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Strength

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Time of Origin

0750

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN BN. DIARY OUT

No. of Group

GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 5 Aust Inf Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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SIGNED

W.A. CENTRILY Capt. B...

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T.H.I.

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
2nd Inf. Bn. Brigade,

In Reply to Number

Date

Originator's Number

FROM

2nd Inf. Bn.

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN BN. WAR DIARY OUT

No. of Group

GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 54th Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

Strength	State	A 7	NIL	and	NIL
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P	NIL	and	18		
G	3	and	31		

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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TIME OF ORIGIN

0830

SIGNED

*W.F. CHITRICK
Capt 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.*

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

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OUT

Serial No. _____
 No. of Group _____
 GR. _____
 OFFICE DATE STAMP _____

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TO 2nd Post. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

In Reply to Number _____
 Date _____
 Originator's Number _____

FROM 2nd Post. Inf. Bn.

Strength	State	Sender	System Time
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DEGREE OF PRIORITY
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 T.H.I. _____
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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

54 BN. DIARY OUT

No. of Group
GR.

Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Bde Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM

54 Aust Inf. Bde

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

24/10/52

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0830

SIGNED

W.A. CANTRILL Capt
Adj. 54 Aust. Inf. Bde

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

CALLS AND INSTRUCTIONS
BY
DIARY
OUT

No. of Group

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Office Date Stamp

Reinforcements

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TO 2nd Echelon, D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
TO 2nd Echelon, D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
TO 2nd Echelon, D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

In Reply to Number

Date

Originator's Number

FROM

24/10/18

24th Geny Coy

Strength	State	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
		ML	24/10/18	1
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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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W. P. CHANTRELL
Capt 24th Geny Coy

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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

War Diary

FROM 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

23/10/42

Strength	State	As	and	and	
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E	<i>2</i>	and	<i>6</i>		
F	<i>NIL</i>	and	<i>19</i>		
G	<i>3</i>	and	<i>29</i>		

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TO 2401 Det. Inf. 5th Brigade.
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon. 1917

FROM 24 1st. Inf. 18th Bn.

Date 22/10/17

Originator's Number

In Reply to Number

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TO 5th Aust. Inf Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM <u>54 Aust. Inf Bn</u>	Originator's Number	Date <u>26/10/42</u>	In Reply to Number
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<u>E</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>6</u>		
<u>F</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>19</u>		
<u>G</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>33</u>		

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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54 Bn

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TO
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
2.1st Aust. Inf. Brigade.

FROM
24 Aust. Inf. Bn

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TO 54 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust. Inf. Bn Originator's Number Date 27/10/42 In Reply to Number

Strength	State	Ax <u>7</u>	<u>NIL</u>	and	<u>NIL</u>
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and		B	<u>NIL</u>	and	<u>NIL</u>
C	<u>34</u>	and	<u>822</u>	D	<u>NIL</u>
E	<u>2</u>	and	<u>6</u>		
F	<u>NIL</u>	and	<u>19</u>		
G	<u>3</u>	and	<u>32</u>		

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TO 2nd Echelon, D.A.G., 2nd Echelon, Brigade,

FROM 2nd Echelon, D.A.G., 2nd Echelon, Brigade,

Date 22/10/42

Originator's Number _____

In Reply to Number _____

Strength	State	Mr.	Mr.
A	Mr.	Mr.	Mr.
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TO 5 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM <u>54 Aust. Inf. Bn</u>	Originator's Number	Date <u>28/10/42</u>	In Reply to Number
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C	<u>34</u>	and	<u>817</u>	D	<u>NIL</u>
E	<u>2</u>	and	<u>16</u>		
F	<u>NIL</u>	and	<u>19</u>		
G	<u>3</u>	and	<u>37</u>		

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SIGNED W. H. CENTRIM
42nd 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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TO 2nd Echelon, D.A.G., 2nd Brigade,

FROM 2nd Echelon, D.A.G., 2nd Brigade,

Date: 28/11/42

Originator's Number: 155

In Reply to Number: 155

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TO 54 Aust. INF. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

FROM 54 Aust. INF. BN

29/10/42

Strength	State	A <u>A</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>2</u>
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<u>and</u>		<u>B</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>NIL</u>
<u>C</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>818</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>NIL</u>
<u>E</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>6</u>		
<u>F</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>19.</u>		
<u>G</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>34</u>		

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54 Aust. Inf. Bn

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TO 5 Aust. Inf Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust. Inf. Bn

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

30/10/42

Strength	State		Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
		A A	NIL	and	8
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		B	NIL	and	NIL
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E	2	and	6		
F	NIL	and	19		
G	3	and	35		

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W.A. CANTRELL
Adj. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn

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IN 54 L.N. WAR DIARY OUT

No. of Group
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TO 54 Aust. Inf. Brigade,
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.

FROM 54 Aust. Inf. Bn

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W.A. Capt. R. King
54 Aust. Inf. Bn

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

TO 2nd Lt. ...
D.A.G., 2nd Echelon.
Brigade.

In Reply to Number

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Originator's Number

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit)

PART A—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
Lieut.-Colonels	Nil	Nil	1
Majors	3	Nil	Nil
Captains	10	Nil	3
Lieutenants	21	1	Nil
2nd Lieutenants	Nil		
Quartermasters	1	Nil	Nil
Totals	36	1	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut./T/Sgt.	D. H. OATES.	54 Bn.	AS FROM 31/7/42.	Reassignment to 5 Aust. Inf Bde. as Sde Maj. Learner to date from 31/7/42.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Capt. 2/101.	N33140.	J. B. G. COLLIER.	54 Inf.	Yes.	
Lieut. 2/101.	N33583.	H. J. ARROW.	do	Yes.	
do	N33522.	R. B. STEVENSON.	do	No.	School.
Lieut. 1/101.	N33524.	V. V. KINGSTON.	do	Yes.	
do	N33531.	R. B. GARDNER.	do	Yes.	
do	N33537.	H. A. GARDNER.	do	No.	School.
do	N33550.	R. MCKEON.	do	No.	School.
do	N33541.	R. B. TONKIN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33505.	T. E. DENNER-TYER.	do	Yes.	
do	N33542.	J. S. WICKELL.	do	Yes.	
Lieut.	N33140.	R. B. GARDNER.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. (P).	N33151.	G. B. B. BUNT.	do	Yes.	
do	N33560.	A. E. GARDNER.	do	Yes.	
do	N33562.	S. J. BROWN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33594.	R. S. MACKAY.	do	Yes.	
do	N33546.	J. E. BROWN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33574.	G. R. HARRISON.	do	No.	School.
do	N32536.	R. A. O'CONNELL.	do	Yes.	
do	N193273.	G. R. BROWN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33384.	R. A. BROWN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33455.	R. L. O'BRIEN.	do	No.	School.
do	N33566.	R. J. BROWN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33564.	J. G. WILSON.	do	Yes.	
do	N33568.	R. L. SMALLING.	do	No.	School.
do	N32988.	A. B. WELLS.	do	Yes.	
do	N33457.	L. J. FITZPATRICK.	do	Yes.	
do	N33478.	L. A. TONKIN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33561.	A. W. HATCHMAN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33156.	G. E. E. COOPER.	do	Yes.	
do	N32950.	D. A. GUILLAN.	do	Yes.	
do	N34326.	P. A. WEBSTER.	do	Yes.	
do	N193294.	R. B. FISHER.	do	Yes.	
do	N33545.	J. R. LEAD.	do	No.	School.
REINFORCEMENTS.					
Lieut. (P)	N32856.	G. A. BOBBEN.	do	do.	5-115, Public.
do	N32958.	E. C. GILES.	do	do.	do
do	N33153.	A. SIMPSON.	do	do.	do
do	N33028.	R. C. GRIMSHAW.	do	do.	do

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Chaplain.	N273929.	P. P. LYON.	ACAD	19.3.42.	Unit Padre.
Captain.	NX7025.	V. H. VERNON.	A.I.P.	25.3.42.	R.M.O.
Lieut.	N10118.	R. L. BARLON.	Staff Corps.	30.7.42.	Coy duties.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit)

3 October, 42 (Date of Despatch)

J. Mackinnon
Lieut. Col.
(Signature of Commander)
Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
(Bde, Divn. Area, etc. with which Unit is serving)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels	1	Nil	Nil
Majors	3	Nil	1
Captains	10	Nil	3
Lieutenants	21	4	Nil
2nd Lieutenants	Nil		
Quartermasters	1	Nil	Nil
Totals	36	4	4

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut (P)	NS3570, L.A. BROOKS.	54 Bn.	9.10.42.	On 9/10/42 advised by 5 Aust. Inf. Bn. that these personnel of 54 Bn. had been promoted to rank of Lieut (P).
do	NS3445, E.A. HOOD-STEVENS.	do	9.10.42.	
do	NS2828, L.H. EVERETT.	do	9.10.42.	

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

54 BN.
WAR DIARY

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Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt. 1st Lt.	NS3149	J. S. G. COLLIER.	54 Inf.	Yes.	
Lieut. 1st Lt.	NS3150	H. J. ANSON.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. 1st Lt.	NS3151	B. E. STEVENSON.	do	No.	School.
Lieut. 1st Lt.	NS3152	V. V. KITCHINGTON.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. 1st Lt.	NS3153	R. B. CARROLL.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. 1st Lt.	NS3154	W. A. GARRILL.	do	No.	School.
Lieut. 1st Lt.	NS3155	R. HARRISON.	do	No.	School.
Lieut. 1st Lt.	NS3156	H. R. FORTIN.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. 1st Lt.	NS3157	V. S. FRIDMANTER.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. 1st Lt.	NS3158	J. B. NICHOLL.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. 1st Lt.	NS3159	D. V. BLACKWELL.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. 1st Lt.	NS3160	L. S. E. HUNT.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3161	A. E. GARDNER.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3162	B. A. BROWN.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3163	T. S. MACADAM.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3164	J. M. GIBSON.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3165	S. H. HARRISON.	do	No.	School.
do	NS3166	H. V. O'CONNELL.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3167	C. R. BRYAN.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3168	D. A. RYAN.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3169	R. L. O'NEILL.	do	No.	School.
do	NS3170	H. J. HAY.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3171	J. G. WILKINSON.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3172	R. I. CHILLING.	do	No.	School.
do	NS3173	A. B. SKILLING.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3174	L. J. FRIDMANTER.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3175	L. A. FORTIN.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3176	A. V. HATCHMAN.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3177	J. H. S. SCALES.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3178	L. B. WILLIAMS.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3179	H. A. WOODRUFF.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3180	H. B. FISCHICK.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3181	J. H. HEAD.	do	No.	School.
do	NS3182	L. A. BROOKS.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3183	S. A. HOOD-STEPHENS.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3184	L. S. SWEET.	do	No.	School.
REINFORCEMENTS.					
do	NS3185	C. A. BORDEN.	do	do	5 I.R.S., Pubbo.
do	NS3186	I. S. GIBSON.	do	do	do
do	NS3187	R. SIMON.	do	do	do
do	NS3188	B. C. GRINGHAM.	do	do	do

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain.	NS73323	F. P. IVANS.	WASH	19.5.42.	Unit Padre.
Capt.	NS7025	V. H. JENNISON.	I.R.S.	15.5.42.	R.M.C.
Lieut.	NS20113	R. J. HARRIS.	Staff Corps.	30.7.42.	Coy Duties.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

10 October, 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
(Signature of Commander.)
Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
5 Aust. Inf. Bde., 2 Aust. Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

54 BN.
WAR DIARY

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	N11	N11
Majors	3	N11	1
Captains	10	N11	3
Lieutenants	21	4	N11
2nd Lieutenants	N11		
Quartermasters	1	N11	N11
Totals	36	4	4

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

54 BN.
WAR DIARY

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt./T/Lt.	Col. N30149.	J. S. G. COLLIER.	54 Bn.	Yes.	
Lieut. T/Maj.	N32523.	H. J. ARROW.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. T/Maj.	N32528.	B. H. STEVENSON.	do	No.	School.
Lieut. T/Capt.	N32524.	V. V. KINCHINGTON.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. T/Capt.	N32531.	H. B. CARROLL.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. T/Capt.	N32537.	W. A. CANTRELL.	do	No.	School.
Lieut. T/Capt.	N32539.	R. BREWSTER.	do	No.	School.
Lieut. T/Capt.	N32541.	H. A. TONKIN.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. T/Capt.	N32538.	W. B. PENNYPATHER.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. T/Capt.	N32542.	J. B. NICHOLL.	do	Yes.	
Lieut.	N30148.	D. W. BLACKWELL.	do	Yes.	
Lieut (P).	N33191.	L. S. E. HUNT.	do	Yes.	
do	N33380.	A. K. GARDINER.	do	Yes.	
do	N33362.	B. A. BROWN.	do	Yes.	
do	N337094.	T. S. MACADAM.	do	Yes.	
do	N33049.	J. W. GIBSON.	do	Yes.	
do	N32574.	S. B. HARRISON.	do	No.	School.
do	N32596.	H. W. O'CONNELL.	do	Yes.	
do	N198273.	C. R. BRYEN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33384.	D. A. RYAN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33455.	R. L. O'SHELL.	do	No.	School.
do	N32586.	H. T. WAY.	do	Yes.	
do	N33054.	J. O. WILLIS.	do	Yes.	
do	N33368.	R. L. SHELLING.	do	No.	School.
do	N32585.	A. B. SHELLING.	do	Yes.	
do	N33437.	L. J. FITZPATRICK.	do	Yes.	
do	N33479.	L. A. FUNKIN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33361.	A. W. HITCHMAN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33156.	G. R. B. SCRAPS.	do	Yes.	
do	N32956.	D. A. GILLMAN.	do	Yes.	
do	N34826.	W. A. WEBSTER.	do	Yes.	
do	N32994.	E. S. FLETCHER.	do	Yes.	
do	N32845.	J. H. BRAD.	do	No.	School.
do	N33570.	I. A. BROOKS.	do	Yes.	
do	N33445.	G. A. HOOD-STEPHENS.	do	Yes.	
do	N32928.	L. H. EVERETT.	do	No.	School.
REINFORCEMENT.					
do	N32836.	C. A. ROBINSON.	do	No.	5 I.T.B., Dubbo.
do	N32958.	I. S. FILMS.	do	No.	do
do	N32100.	H. CAMPBELL.	do	No.	do
do	N33028.	R. O. GRIMSHAW.	do	No.	do

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain.	N273929.	F. P. LYONS.	ARCHD.	19.3.42.	Unit Padre.
Capt.	NH. 7025.	V. H. VERNON.	A.I.P.	25.3.42.	R.H.O.
Lieut.	NP10118.	R. L. MARLAN.	Staff Corps.	30.7.42.	Coy Duties.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit.)

17 October, 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

J. S. G. COLLIER
 J. S. G. COLLIER, Lieut
 (Signature of Commander.)
 Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

5 Aust. Inf. Bde., 2 Aust. Div.
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1	Nil	Nil
Majors	3	Nil	1
Captains	10	Nil	3
Lieutenants	21	4	Nil
2nd Lieutenants	Nil		
Quartermasters	1	Nil	Nil
Totals	36	4	4

*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

54 BN.
WAR DIARY

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

War Diary

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt.-Col.	NS3149.	J. S. G. COLLIER.	54 In.	Yes.	
Lieut. T/Maj.	NS3525.	W. J. BROWN.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. T/Maj.	NS3528.	B. H. STEVENSON.	do	No.	School.
Lieut. T/Capt.	NS3534.	T. V. FINCHAM-TON.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. T/Capt.	NS3531.	R. B. CANNON.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. T/Capt.	NS3537.	W. A. GAVINILL.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. T/Capt.	NS3539.	N. BROWN.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. T/Capt.	NS3541.	H. R. TONKIN.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. T/Capt.	NS3535.	W. S. PENNEFATHER.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. T/Capt.	NS3542.	J. S. NICHOLL.	do	Yes.	
Lieut.	NS3148.	D. V. BLACKWELL.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. (P).	NS3191.	L. E. L. SMYTH.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3380.	A. E. JARDINER.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3382.	B. H. BROWN.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3384.	T. S. MACGILLIVRAY.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3389.	J. A. GIBSON.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3374.	C. A. HAMILTON.	do	No.	School.
do	NS3396.	H. V. O'CONNELL.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3373.	C. A. SMYTH.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3384.	D. A. RYAN.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3455.	H. L. O'NEILL.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3386.	H. T. MAY.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3384.	J. C. WILKINSON.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3388.	H. L. O'NEILL.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3388.	H. S. O'NEILL.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3437.	L. J. FITZPATRICK.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3473.	L. A. TONKIN.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3381.	A. W. HATCHMAN.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3156.	C. W. B. COBATT.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3956.	C. A. WILLAN.	do	Yes.	
do	NS4386.	V. A. WEBSTER.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3294.	B. B. FISHER.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3943.	J. H. BEAN.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3370.	L. A. BROOKS.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3443.	H. A. HOOD-STEVENS.	do	Yes.	
do	NS3388.	L. H. EVERETT.	do	No.	School.
REINFORCEMENTS.					
do	NS2836.	C. A. ROBINS.	do	No.	5 I.F.B., Passo.
do	NS3956.	L. S. WILES.	do	No.	do
do	NS3153.	D. SIMPSON.	do	No.	do
do	NS3280.	H. S. O'NEILL.	do	No.	do

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain.	NE73989.	F. P. LYONS.	AACHD	19.3.42.	Unit Padre.
Capt.	NE7325.	V. H. VERNON.	A.I.F.	25.3.42.	R.N.O.
Lieut.	NE10118.	R. L. MARLAN.	Staff Corps	30.7.42.	Coy. duties.

54 Aust. Inf. Bde.

(Unit.)

W. S. Pennefather

(Signature of Commander.)

J. S. G. COLLIER, Lt.-Col.

Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bde.

24 October, 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

5 Aust. Inf. Bde., 2 Aust. Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

54 BN.
DIARY

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

(Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	Nil	Nil
Majors ...	3	Nil	1
Captains ...	10	Nil	3
Lieutenants ...	25	4	Nil
2nd Lieutenants	Nil		
Quartermasters ...	1	Nil	Nil
TOTALS ...	36	4	4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt./Lt.-Col.	N30149.	J. S. J. COLLIER.	54 In.	Yes.	
Lieut. / Maj.	N32523.	W. J. ARROY.	do	Yes.	
do	N32528.	B. H. STEVENSON.	do	No.	School.
Lieuten./Capt.	N32524.	V. V. RINDRINGTON.	do	Yes.	
do	N32531.	R. S. CARROLL.	do	No.	School.
do	N32537.	W. A. CASTELL.	do	Yes.	
do	N32539.	R. WILSON.	do	Yes.	
do	N32541.	H. R. TONKIN.	do	Yes.	
do	N32535.	W. S. FLEMING-PATER.	do	Yes.	
do	N32542.	J. S. RICHILL.	do	Yes.	
Lieut.	N30148.	D. V. BLACKWELL.	do	Yes.	
Lieut. (?)	N33301.	L. R. R. HUNT.	do	Yes.	
do	N33300.	A. E. GARDNER.	do	Yes.	
do	N33302.	B. A. BROWN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33304.	T. S. BRADAN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33340.	J. M. GIBSON.	do	Yes.	
do	N32574.	H. R. HARRISON.	do	No.	School.
do	N32536.	H. S. O'CONNELL.	do	Yes.	
do	N192073.	G. S. WYER.	do	No.	School.
do	N33304.	D. J. RYAN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33435.	H. L. O'NEILL.	do	Yes.	
do	N32500.	H. S. MAY.	do	Yes.	
do	N33054.	J. S. WILLIS.	do	Yes.	
do	N33305.	R. L. SWELLING.	do	Yes.	
do	N32000.	A. S. SWELLING.	do	No.	School.
do	N33437.	L. J. FITZPATRICK.	do	Yes.	
do	N33470.	L. A. TONKIN.	do	No.	School.
do	N32501.	A. M. HITCHMAN.	do	Yes.	
do	N33150.	G. H. E. SCHLES.	do	Yes.	
do	N32050.	G. J. SULLIVAN.	do	Yes.	
do	N34300.	H. A. WEAVER.	do	Yes.	
do	N12004.	H. S. HIGHTON.	do	Yes.	
do	N32043.	J. H. HEAD.	do	Yes.	
do	N32570.	L. A. DROVER.	do	Yes.	
do	N33445.	S. A. HOOD-STEVENS.	do	Yes.	
do	N32000.	L. S. SMART.	do	No.	School.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Captain.	N27300.	F. P. LYONS.	44th.	10.3.42.	Unit Cadre.
Capt.	N27000.	V. H. BURTON.	44th.	25.3.42.	R.M.O.
Lieut. (?)	N21010.	H. L. WALKER.	Staff Corps.	30.7.42.	Coy Duties.

[Signature]
Capt.

W. A. O'NEILL, 54th Aust. Inf. Bde. - Col.
Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bde.
54 Aust. Inf. Bde., 2 Aust. Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

3 October, 42.

(Unit)

19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. 1	2	1	N11
W.Os. Class II. 8	8	N11	N11
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 6	6	N11	N11
Staff Serjeants 1	1	N11	N11
Serjeants 41	34	N11	7
Corporals 86	87	1	N11
Troopers, Privates, &c. 732	721	N11	11
TOTALS 875	859	2	18

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST. W.E.</u>		<u>OTHER ATTACHMENTS.</u>	
Sgt. BROWN, A.M.	A.A. O.C.	W.O. 11. PERKINS, W.	A.I.C.
Cpl. RYAN, H.J.	do	1 Y.M.C.A. Ref.	
Art 1. MARKWICK, S.O.	do	14 O/R's from 104 A/Pk. Regt.	
Sgt. MALIPHANT, G.J.	NSW LofC A/c Off.	Canteen - 2 O/R's.	
Sgt. GORDON, K.A.	2 Div. Postal Unit.	64 Dental Unit - 1 Off. & 4 O/R's.	
Cpl. HOWARD, R.	A.A.M.C.		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
N32747.	Pte.	GARCIA, F.	54th Bn. ECPTS	(Armourers) Moorebank.
N32773.	L/Sgt.	SIMMONS, D. H.	54 Bn.	109 Gen. Depot, Narrogin.
N197527.	Pte.	EVARS, A. F.	54 Bn.	110 A.G.H., Hollywood.
N.B.	L/Sgt.	Simmons, D. H.		is L/Sgt in Carrier Pl, and Pte. Evars, A. F. is a Potential Cpl. in Carrier Pl.

PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers		1	Painters					
						N.C.Os. Ptc.	2 11	7 11
							2	18
Certified that the figures in red show the number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this unit.								
<p>Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)</p> <p>..... 1/4030.</p>								

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Unit.

J. S. C. *[Signature]*
Signature of Commander
Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date of Despatch 3 October, 42.

5 Bdet. Div. Area, etc. with which unit is serving.

54 BN.
WAR DIARY

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

19 October, 42.

(Unit)

19 (Date).

(Adapted)

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	Nil	Nil
W.Os. Class II.	8	Nil	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6	Nil	Nil
Staff Serjeants	1	Nil	Nil
Serjeants	41	Nil	9
Corporals	86	1	Nil
Troopers, Privates, &c.	732	Nil	6
TOTALS	861	2	16

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST W.E.		OTHER ATTACHMENTS.	
Sgt. Brown, A.M.	A.A.O.C.	W.O.II. MURKINS, W.	A.I.C.
Cpl. RYAN, H. J.	do	1 Y.M.C.A. Representative.	
Art. 1. HARKWICK, S.O.	do	Canteen - 2 O/As.	
Sgt. HALIPHANT, G.J.	NSW LofC A/c Off.	Dental Unit - 1 Off. and 4 O/As.	
Sgt. GORDON, K.A.	2 Div. Postal Unit.	1 Fd. Hygiene Sgt.	
Cpl. HOWARD, R.	A.A.H.C.	14 OAs - 104 A/Tk.	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
N130180.	Pte.	BENNETT, E. K.	54 Bn.	5 I.T.B., Dubbo.
N32747.	Pte.	GARCIA, P.	do	ECPTS (Armourers) Moorebank.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit.

54 PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

WAR DIARY

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters			
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers			
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists			
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate			
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate			
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers			
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers			
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers			
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers			
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers			
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics			
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers			
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers			
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers			
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters			
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers			
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers			
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors			
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers			
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers			
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers			
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters			
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine			
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical			
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors			
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering			
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors			
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers			
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers			
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners			
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers			
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors			
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers			
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen			
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders			
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers			
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers			
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths			
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen			
Equipment Repairers		1	Opticians			Woodturners			
Farriers			Painters						
Certified that the figures in red show the number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this Unit.							N.C.Os.	2	10
							Ptes.	11	6
								2	16
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)									

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit.

J. S. G. COLLIER, Lt. Col.
Signature of Commander.

Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch 10 October, 42.

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 17 October, 1942. (Date).

54 BN. WAR DIARY

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Table with 4 columns: 1. Detail, 2. Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached), 3. Surplus to Establishment, 4. Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments). Rows include W.Os. Class I, W.Os. Class II, Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants, Staff Serjeants, Serjeants, Corporals, Troopers, Privates, etc. Totals: 878, 857, 2, 20.

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Table with 4 columns: Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong, Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong. Includes personnel attached against N.E. (Sgt. BROWN, Cpl. RYAN, Art. 1. WARRWICK, Sgt. MALIPHANT, Sgt. GORDON, Cpl. HOWARD) and other attachments (W.O. 11. PERKINS, Y.M.C.A. Rep., Canteen, Pd. Hygiene Sgt., Dental Unit).

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Table with 5 columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Corps, Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known). Entry: #32747, Pte., GARCIA, F., 54 Bn. ECPTS (Armourers) Morebank.

Harvey

54 PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

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Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks			Height Takers			Riveters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers		1	Painters					
						N.C. Co Ptes.	2	8
							111	12
							2	20
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)								

Certified that the figures in red show the number of specialists and tradesmen actually required in this unit.

[Signature]
Asst./Adj.

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. Unit.

Date of Despatch 17 Oct., 42.

[Signature]
J. S. [Signature]
Commander
5 Bde., Divn. Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

(Adapted)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

**54 BN.
WAR DIARY**

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) **24 October, 19 42.** (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. 1	2	1	N11
W.Os. Class II. 8	8	N11	N11
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 8	6	N11	N11
Staff Serjeants 1	2	1	N11
Serjeants 41	33	N11	8
Corporals 86	86	N11	N11
Troopers, Privates, &c. 732	719	N11	13
TOTALS 878	856	2	21

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST U.S.</u>		<u>OTHER ATTACHMENTS.</u>	
Sgt. BROWN, A. E.	A.A.O.C.	W.O.II. PERKINS, F.	A.I.C.
Cpl. RYAN, H. J.	A.A.O.C.	1 - Y.M.C.A. Rep.	
Art.I. MAREWICK, S.O.	A.A.O.C.	Canteen - 2 ORs.	
Sgt. MALIPHANT, G. J.	NSW LofG A/c Off.	Pd. Hygiene Sgt.	
Sgt. GORDON, K. A.	2 Div. Postal Unit.	14 ORs - 104 A/Tk.	
Cpl. HOWARD, R.	A.A.H.C.		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NS2747	Lt.	GARCIA, P.	54 Bn.	ICTTS (Armourers) Moorebank.
NS12567	Cpl.	HENRY, C.F.	54 Bn.	5 I.F.B., Dubbo.

54 BN.
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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Adapted)

54 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 31 October, 19... (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. 1	2	1	111
W.Os. Class II. 8	9	111	111
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6	111	111
Staff Serjeants 1	2	1	111
Serjeants 41	57	111	6
Corporals 88	90	2	111
Troopers, Privates, &c. 732	735	3	111
TOTALS 873	850	23	111

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
<u>PERSONNEL ATTACHED AGAINST U.S.</u>		<u>OTHER ATTACHMENTS.</u>	
Sgt. IRVING, A.M.	A.A.C.C.	W.O. H. HARRIS, G.	A.I.C.
Cpl. NEAN, H.J.	A.A.C.C.	1 - F.M.C.A. Top.	
Artl. HARRISON, S.D.	A.A.C.C.	2 - Cartoon.	
Sgt. MATHIAS, G.L.	NEW Inf C 1/0 Coy.	Sgt. Main. = Pl. Hygiene Sgt.	
Sgt. GORDON, K.A.	8 Div. Postal Unit.	14 Coy = 104 A/R.	
Cpl. HOWARD, H.	A.A.C.C.		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
NS2747	Pvt.	GARCIA, F.	54 Bn.	(Insurance) Moorebank, NSW.
NS2747	Cpl.	IRVING, A.M.	54	111, 111, 111.
NS2748	Pvt.	IRVING, A.M.	54	A.R.D., Northam.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

J. S. G. COLLIER, Adm. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

PART 1.

5 October, 42.

95. BOTTLED LIQUOR.

It is an offence to carry intoxicating liquor of any kind in bottles. Personnel offending against this order will be liable to severe disciplinary action. This order is to be read to all troops on three successive parades.

96. DESTRUCTION OF PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE.

A recent security check has revealed that, in many instances, troops are not burning envelopes and correspondence received by them. Units will ensure that all troops are instructed to destroy their letters after use.

97. ORCHARDS AND VINYARDS.

All orchards and vineyards are out of bounds to troops at all times, whether during training or otherwise. Personnel disobeying this order will be subject to disciplinary action.

98. LEAVE. - TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

(a) Coys. will submit to C.I.O. NOT LATER than 0800 hrs. on the day before leave is to be taken a return indicating the PRECISE number proceeding on leave by train.

(b) Personnel returning from PERTH will NOT under any circumstances travel by ordinary services train departing PERTH at 2325 hrs. They may catch earlier trains for return but in no circumstances may troops travel on this particular train. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders. This order will be read to troops on three successive parades.

99. DISCIPLINE - CONCERTS.

All personnel will be warned that unseemly conduct at Camp Concerts, particularly when a vote of thanks is being given, will result in disciplinary action and possible curtailment of concerts.

100. DRESS - SUMMER DRESS.

(a) Summer Dress is authorised to be worn by troops as from 1 October, 42.

(b) Until otherwise directed, Winter Dress as at present authorised may be worn as an alternative but strict conformity is required to detailed directions as to each class of dress, and combinations of types of dress are prohibited.

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100. DRESS - SUMMER DRESS (Contd.).

(c) Summer Dress is defined as follows :-

(i) FOR DAY WEAR (i.e. up to 2000 hrs.).Hat - turned down, chin strap to be worn.Shirt - Collar button only undone, sleeves rolled.Belt - Web.Shorts - K. D.Boots - Shoes will on no account be worn.Anklets Web - Puttees Short may be worn in lieu of Anklets Web, but uniformity for Coys. with Anklets or Puttees is demanded.Stockings or Hosetops.(ii) FOR NIGHT WEAR (i.e., after 2000 hrs.).

As above, except that Sleeves will be rolled down and buttoned, and the Trousers K.D. will be worn in lieu of Shorts K.D.

Web Anklets or Puttees Short will be worn with Trousers K.D.

(iii) GENERAL

Night Wear may be worn during the day, but Hot Day Wear at Night. When personnel proceed on leave extending into the night, during the day they must wear either Night Wear or arrangements made for change as above.

Jerseys, Pullover - Khaki may be worn over shirt, but Jerseys pullover-Navy, if worn, will be worn under Shirt. The belt will always be worn outside.101. SUNBURN - DANGERS OF.

Attention is drawn to the dangers of severe sunburn. Skin Cancer and severe blistering is a possible outcome. Coys. will ensure that all personnel are aware of the danger of over-exposure to the Sun's rays.

102. CANTEENS - TOBACCO RATIONS.

As from 1 October 42., the ration of cigarettes and tobacco is increased on the following basis :

120 Cigarettes per man per week; or

4 Oz. Tobacco per man per week; or

2 Oz. Tobacco and 60 Cigarettes per man per week.

N.B. - 1 Oz. Tobacco is equivalent to 30 Cigarettes for the purposes of rationing.

103. PAYBOOKS - WITHDRAWAL OF.

It has come to notice that paybooks are being withdrawn from personnel indiscriminately. There is no necessity for withdrawal of paybooks by Coy. Orderly Rooms to ascertain, for instance, Next-of-kin. Paybooks will NOT be withdrawn except for matters absolutely necessary. (Vide Authority Finance Circular No. 3, of 20 Apr 42).

104. CHURCH PARADES.C of E - 0700 hrs. Communion in Salvation Army Marquee, 54 Ln. lines. Chaplain Brown.
0830 hrs. in 44 Ln. lines.R. C. - 0830 hrs. in Salvation Army Marquee, 54 Ln. lines. Chaplain Lyons.

105. SANDSHOES.

Personnel of Inf. Bns. issued with Sandshoes will not wear same except when ordered to do so by the C.O.

106. LEAVE ACCOMMODATION - PRIVATE HOMES.

Any members of the Unit who may desire to be accommodated in Private Homes during leave periods, whether monthly or otherwise, should submit their names to En.H.Q. Applications are requested to show period of accommodation desired and type of family to whom personnel desire to be allotted.

107. SHIRTS - WEARING OF

Shirts will be worn at all times when within the camp area, except where the permission of an Officer is obtained in the course of arduous duties or training. It has come to notice that Drs. M.T. have been moving vehicles beyond the camp area, whilst not wearing shirts. This practice must cease forthwith.

W. A. Centrill
for W. A. CENTRILL. Capt.,
Adjt. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

J. S. G. COLLIER. ~~Adj.~~ Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

PART 1.

9 October, 1942.

108. DISCIPLINE - SUNBURN.

Attention is again drawn to the dangers of severe sunburn. Personnel are naturally apt to remove shirts and singlets at every opportunity when working in the heat. Apart from the fact that this is detrimental to discipline, it will undoubtedly cause many cases of severe blistering and possible skin cancers. It is, therefore, necessary that control is exercised, and that at no time during the heat of the day will personnel be allowed to remove their shirts. During the cooler parts of the day, removal should not be necessary.

109. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL

A DCM convened by the C.O., TNG DEPOTS NEW L of G Area, was held at SYDNEY on 19 Sept., 42., for the trial of N.130355. PTE. DARNEY. H., 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

The Accused was charged with desertion.

The accused pleaded not guilty, and the Court found him NOT guilty and this finding was announced in open court.

110. CHURCH PARADES. - 11 October, 42.

Church of England. - 07.0 hrs. Holy Communion in S.A. Marquee, 54 Bn. lines. Chaplain Brown.

Combined - 0830 hrs. in 56 Bn. lines.

Roman Catholic - 0830 hrs. in S. A. Marquee, 54 Bn. lines
Chaplain Lyons.

111. DUTIES. → To mount at retreat on the following dates.

11.10.42.	B Coy.	Lieut. J. G. WILLIS.
12.10.42.	C "	Lieut. O. A. GILLAN.
13.10.42.	D "	Lieut. S. A. HOOD-STEVENS.
14.10.42.	E "	Lieut. L. BROOKS.
15.10.42.	HQ "	Lieut. M. W. O'CONNELL.

54 Bn. will mount Ldc. Duties on 12.10.42 and 17.10.42. When Ldc. duties are mounted Duty Coy. will supply a picquet of 1 Off., 1 Sgt., 2 Cpls and 12 ORs. for duty in Midlands Junct. Picquet will report to Staff Capt. at 1730 hrs. on day of duty. Dress will be F.S., belt and web anklets, steel helmets and side arms. Report of the Off. of the picquet will reach BN. HQ. by 0900 hrs. on day after duty.

W. Jackwell
for J. S. G. COLLIER, Adj. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt.-Col. J. S. G. COLLIER. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

PART 1.

18 October, 1942.

112. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.

A DCM., convened by the GOC., NSW., L of C Area, was held at Victoria Barracks, Paddington on 12th. day of September, 1942, for the trial of N198744. Pte. DALEY, Ernest - 54 Bn.

The accused was charged with A.A.12 (1) (a) When on active service deserting His Majesty's Service in that he absented himself without leave from 2359 hrs. on 15/7/42 until 0600 hrs. on 2/9/42.

The accused pleaded not guilty. The Court found the accused not guilty of desertion but guilty of absence without leave for the period stated in the charge.

The Court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for forty days.

The accused was in custody awaiting trial for nine days.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 23rd. September, 1942 by the Commandant, Training Depots, Hq., NSW., L of C Area.

The result of the trial was promulgated to the accused at Orange Detention Barracks on 26th. day of September, 1942.

113. DRESS - SUMMER DRESS.

Unit R/O 100 is amended as follows :-

Under "For Night Wear", insert "Hat turned up"

114. CLOTHING RATION BOOKS.

Army clothing Ration Books are not transferable. Disciplinary action will be taken against personnel who transfer or receive by transfer Clothing Ration Books.

115. SECURITY OF INFM. - PURCHASE OF LOTTERY TICKETS.

A check carried out recently at State Lottery Office discloses many breaches of security in that unit names and locations have been freely given in ticket butts which are accessible to any civilian. Personnel are instructed that regt. number, rank and name are the only particulars which will be given in such instances. "AUSTRALIA" is a sufficient address and unit names and locations will NOT be given.

116. CROSSED GUY-ROPES.

In view of the damage done to tents through crossed Guy-ropes, all crossed Guy-ropes will be altered immediately.

117. CENSORSHIP.

It is reported by the Deputy Base Censor that an increase in number of green envelopes are being received not bearing the imprint of the UNIT CENSOR STAMP. The army postal service will not accept for despatch any green envelopes which are signed by the writer unless it bears the imprint of the Censor Stamp.

118. INSURANCE POLICIES.

For the information of all troops, the following ruling from Insurance Coys has been secured :-

(i) Life Insurance Policies taken out prior to the 24 September, 39 cover the holder for service inside or outside the Commonwealth of Australia, irrespective of whether the soldier was A.I.F. or A.M.F. Therefore, the transfer from A.M.F. to A.I.F. does not involve additional premiums or loadings to a life policy of this type.

(ii) A war service moratorium is in effect and covers all Life Policies taken out prior to 3 September 39. The war service moratorium prevents a policy lapsing in the event of a soldier being unable to pay premiums due to the exigencies of the service. It must be understood that this does NOT release a soldier from his liabilities but is contingent upon circumstances preventing him from meeting them.

(iii). Life policies taken out after 24 September 39 are in an entirely different category. In the event of a holder of one of these policies proceeding overseas in the service, the policy is subject to a further loading of £7/10/- per cent per annum to cover the holder. If the holder does not elect to pay this additional load and he is killed overseas, the premiums already paid are refunded plus 3% compound interest thereon.

(iv) This policy is adopted by all insurance firms.

119. DUTIES - To mount at Retreat on the following dates :

18.10.42.	C Coy.	Lieut. M.W. O'CONNELL.
19.10.42.	D "	" G.M.E. SCALTS.
20.10.42.	E "	" M.T. MAY.
21.10.42.	HQ "	" A.W. HATCHMAN.
22.10.42.	A "	" R.L. SNELLING.
23.10.42.	B "	" A.B. SNELLING.
24.10.42.	C "	" L.A.G. TONKIN.
25.10.42.	D "	" J.H. HEAD.
26.10.42.	E "	" R.L. MARLAN.
27.10.42.	HQ "	" L. BROOKS.

W. A. G. PRILL
Adj. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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WARNING ORDER - CHANGE OF LOCATION

1. Units of 2 AUST DIV will effect changes of location as under:
2. It is to be anticipated that adv parties will move on 1 NOV '42 and main bodies on 3 NOV '42.
3. Units will prepare list of adv parties and advise this HQ on 29 OCT '42 number moving.
4. The following Units will move from present location BELLEVUE-BUSHMEAD Area to GIN GIN and take over the present role of 8 AUST INF BDE GP :-

HQ 5 Aust Inf Bde	
253 LAD	
' J ' Sec Sigs 2 Aust Div	
44 Aust Inf Bn	- to relieve 4 Aust Inf Bn
54 Aust Inf Bn	- " " 35 Aust Inf Bn
56 Aust Inf Bn	- " " 30 Aust Inf Bn
14 A/Tk Bty	
5 Aust Fd Coy	
17 Coy AASC	
5 Aust Fd Amb	
Bde Gp Div Ord Workshop	
Bde Gp Div Ord Fd Pk	

5. Further instn regarding the above changes will be issued at a later date.

ACK.

R.T. Bryen
(R.T. BRYEN,) Maj
BM, 5 Aust Inf Bde.

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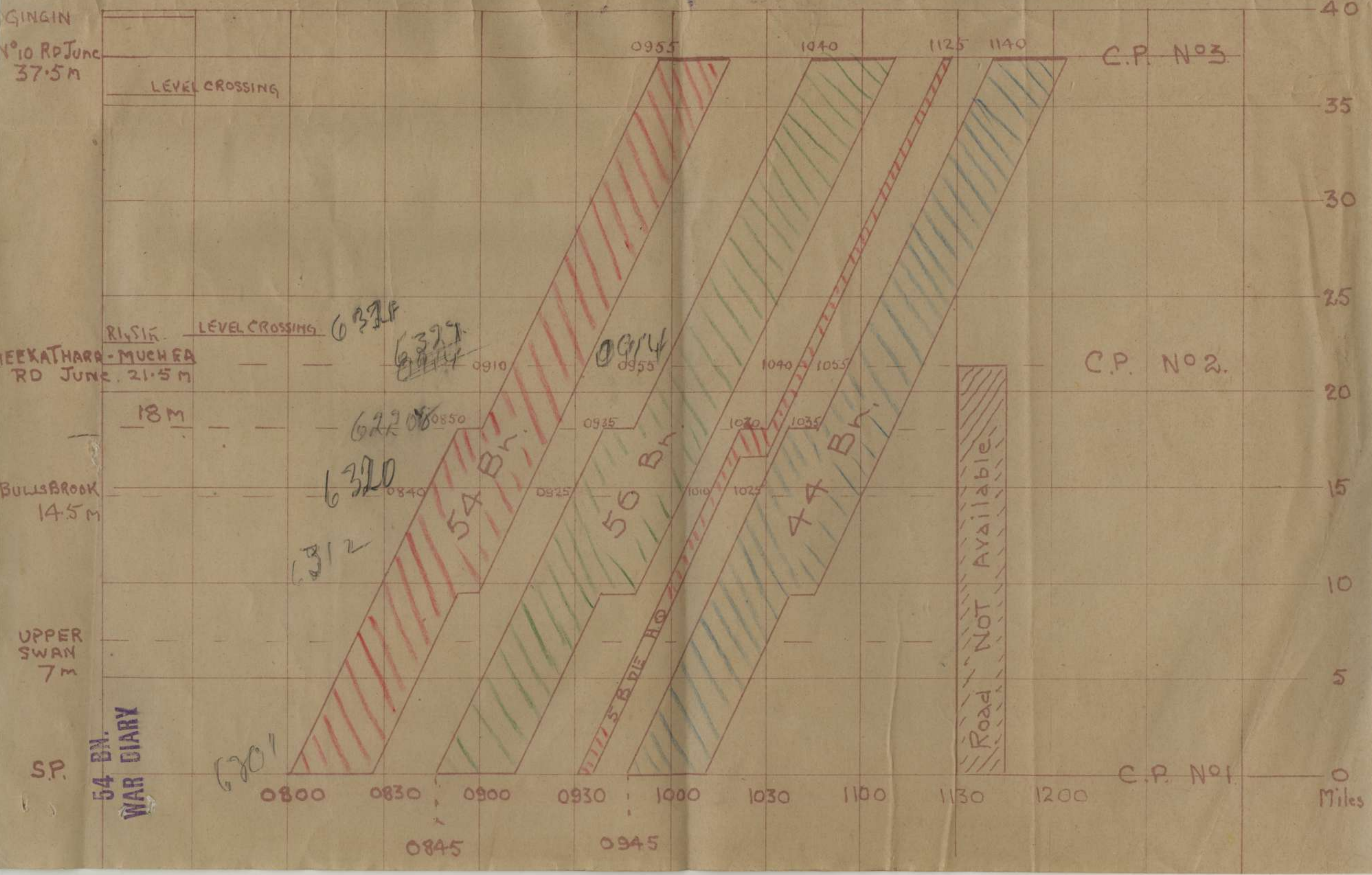
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

Lt.-Col. J. S. G. SOLLIER. Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

PART 1.

23 October, 42.

120.D.COURT MARTIAL

A DCM convened by the Commander, T.D.HQ. NSW L of C Area, was held at Sydney on 21st. Sept., 42., for the trial of N191411. PTE. PRATT. A. R., 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

The accused was charged with Desertion.

The accused pleaded not guilty. The Court found the accused guilty of the charge.

The Court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for 120 days.

The accused was in custody awaiting trial for 12 days.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 25 Sept., 42 by the Commander, T.D. HQ NSW L of C Area.

The result of the trial was promulgated to the accused at Orange on 1 October, 42.

121. SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

There is an increasing tendency for civilians to interrogate members of the Allied Armed Forces, when the latter are on leave, travelling, and even on duty. If not checked, this practice, although generally inspired by idle curiosity, may lead to the disclosure of much information of value to the enemy, and will facilitate the task of enemy spies.

All ranks, in addition to refusing the disclosure of information to civilians, should endeavour to obtain the names and addresses of any questioners, and report same to the appropriate officer of their Unit.

YOUR LIFE MAY DEPEND ON YOUR SILENCE.

122. PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING CASUALTIES.

Private cables and telegrams, reporting battle, or other casualties, are prohibited. In letters, no reference is to be made to any such casualty, until after a period of one month from the date of its occurrence.

The restriction imposed by the above para. hereof is not applicable to communications sent by a member relative to a casualty sustained by himself.

This order is dictated in consideration for the feelings of relatives who have been caused unnecessary suffering through misinformation.

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123. MAIL SERVICE - EVACUATED PERSONNEL.

Great delay is caused in locating personnel who have been evacuated from this Unit.

For convenience of personnel in this position it is recommended that they write to the Postal Sgt., 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. Australia., giving the date of arrival and the whereabouts of the new location and of each subsequent location to which he may be evacuated.

Such letters of notification, being inter-unit only, may be sent post free.

124. RETURNS - LEAVE

Coys. are again reminded that a return of number of personnel proceeding on Rest Day Leave must reach Bn.HQ. by 0800 hrs. on the day preceding Rest Day.

A return, stating the number of personnel who will remain in Camp for mid-day and evening meals must be made separately, and presented to the Q.M. by the same time.

125. CARE OF BICYCLES.

An inspection has been conducted of Unit bicycles. It has revealed that insufficient care and attention has been paid to their general maintenance or even oiling and inflation of tyres.

Coy. Comds. will ensure that bicycles on charge to their respective Coys. are maintained in good working order and that they are oiled and checked at least once a week.

W.A. Cantrill Capt,
W.A. CANTRILL.
Adj. 54 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE.

1. A propelling pencil (colour black, with gold bands) has been lost. Finder please return to Bn. H.Q.
2. A short puttee has been found in the vicinity of the mobile bath unit. Owner may have same by calling at Bn.H.Q.
3. Found in the Unit lines one razor strop. Owner may have same by claiming them at Bn.H.Q.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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SECRET.

Headquarters
54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Australia .


23 Oct. 42.

5 AUST. INF. BDE.
AUSTRALIA.

INDEX: WARNING ORDER- CHANGE OF LOCATION.

1.

Receipt is acknowledged of Secret memo Copy No. 2
of 22nd Oct. 42. re above.


J.S.G. COLLIER
CMD. 54 AUST. INF. BN.

Lt.-Col.

TRAINING PROGRAMME - 54 AUSTR. INF. BN.

Week Ending 24 October 48.

SLEEP BY DAY

WORK BY NIGHT.

SERIAL NO.	SUBJECT.	TIMES.	REFERENCES.	REMARKS.
1	Return From Bivouac		See Day 8 of Previous Week's Training.	
2	REST DAY.			
3	MORNING: Move out on foot to bivouac area ref. MUNDARING sq 0151.	0900		
6	AFTERNOON: T.E.V.T. In. Ex. Compulsory rest for tps.	1530-1700		Rest to be enforced & jobs given to men who do not respond.
1	Company Training By Night Night march discipline, Keeping direction by stars, Estimating distance covered, Noting return route, Lectures & Practice.	2000-0600	ATM 3, 4 p14, MBD Op 3, Manual of Map Reading, IMT Secs 9 & 48, IT sec 36 (5) MFP 33 Sec 14, ATM (Aust) No. 11.	Cocoa 1830hrs Midnight Meal 0100hrs in Bivouac Cocoa (Next Morning) 0615hrs Breakfast (Next Morning) 0730hrs
2	Silent movement, crawling, & sound tests.		IMT Sec 46, IT Sec 36 (1, 3, 4, 6 & 7)	
3	Weapon training			
4	See GP patrols		ATM (Aust) No. 3, IT Sec 36 (10). MT P33 Sec 29, IMT 44, 46, 48.	No lunch (Men sleeping)
5	P.T. & Games			
6	In. Exercise (Infiltration & Mobile Defence By Night)	1830-0600	ATM Aust. No. 11	Evening Meal 1730hrs Cocoa 2000hrs No Midnight meal (Men sleeping between duties) Cocoa (Next Morning) 0615hrs Breakfast 0730hrs
3	Return to Camp	0900		
7	Individual Training period at camps			

54 BN. DIARY

Lt. Col.
J. S. G. COLLIER
Comd. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn

54 AUST. INF. BN.

TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS., 1400 hrs. 24 SEPT. 42.

Ref. Pinjarra Strat 1" - 4 miles. ENLARGEMENT PINJARRA
STRAT 2" - 1 Mile.

1. A tactical Ex. with tps. will be held in vicinity
sqrs. 3701 - 3801.

2. OBJECT. - To teach Mobile Defence of a Road.

3. LESSONS - Mobile Defence.
Counter Attack.

4. TPS. TAKING PART.

54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
One Tp. 18 Aust. Fd. Regt.
One Tp. 14 A/Tk. Bty.
One Det. 5 Aust. Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

5. ENEMY. - Provided by 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Instruction for enemy Appx. B.

6. REPRESENTATION OF FIRE.

Rifle	-	Blank.
Bren	-	Rattles.
M.M.G.	-	Blank firing attachment.
Mortars.	-	Cardboard Mortar Bombs (at Point of burst).
Arty.	-	Cardboard Shell Bombs (at Point of burst).
Grenades	-	Paynes Grenades.

Scale of Issue - To be made prior to exercise.

7. CONFERENCES.

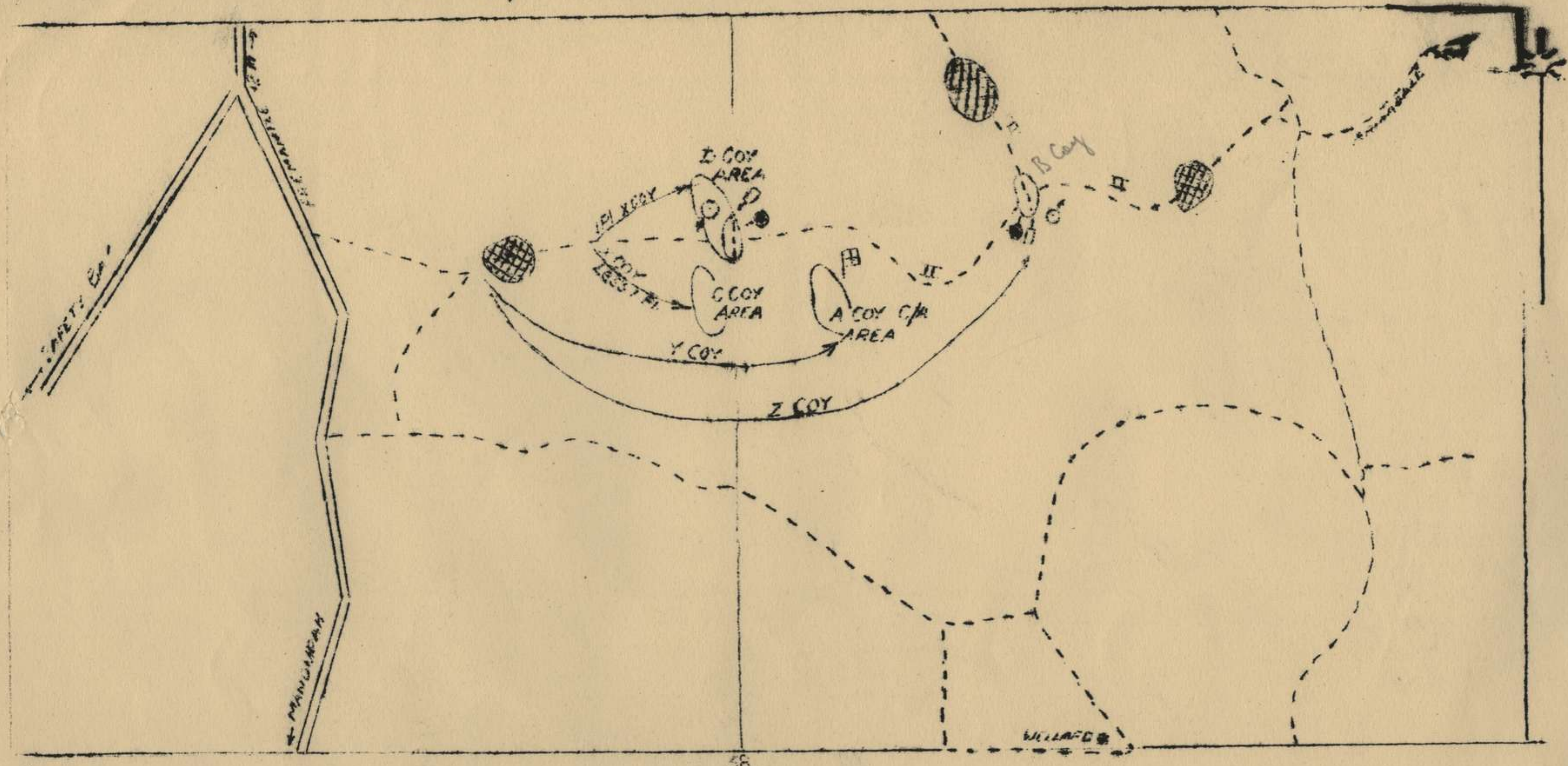
- (a). T.E.W.T. all officers 18 Sept. 42. on Ground D900 hrs.
- (b). Conference ENEMY.O.C. 21 Sept. 42. on Ground 1400 hrs.
- (c). Conference all personnel. 24 Sept. 42. on Ground 1630 hrs.

8. GENERAL IDEA.

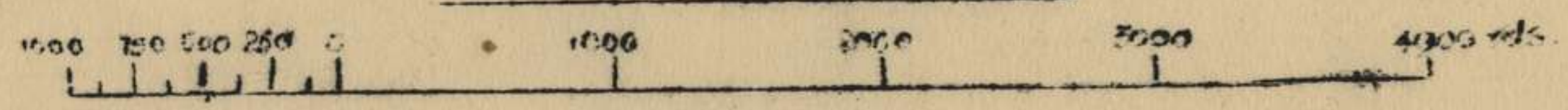
- (i) a Japanese force, estimated 2 Bn.Gps., has landed at MANDURAH. Landing operations are continuing. Our "I" reports that a small enemy force, estimated 3 Coys., has reached STAKE HILL ref. 376995 with intention of moving along ARMADALE - ROCKINGHAM RD. to reach ARMADALE and to destroy Ry. Works. This force is using M.T., captured from civilians.
- (ii) 5 Aust. Inf. Bde. has been ordered to attach and destroy the Enemy. At 1230 hrs. 24 Sept., C.O. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. is ordered to occupy mobile defensive posn. astride ARMADALE - ROCKINGHAM RD. between refs. 379017 and track junct. 384017.

9. C.O. 54 Bn., having made his recce., disposes his force as per Appx. A.

Ref Map PINJARRA 4 Miles to 1 inch



SCALE 2 ins. = 1 mile



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H.Q. 2 Aust. Div.
Australia.
27 Oct 42.

"Q" ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 12.

CHANGE OF LOCATIONS.

1. Ref 2 Aust Div S965/C/42 of 20 Oct 42.
2. Units of 2 Aust Div will change locations as set out in Appendix "A"
3. MOVEMENT.

- (a) Movement will be by MT in accordance with Appendix "B".
- (b) Personnel mentioned in 2 Aust Div S969/13/42 of 22 Oct and S969/A/42 of 19 Oct will remain at the CWP's and VP's but are included in the numbers shown for Advance Parties in App. "A". The number of vehs used is also included.
- (c) Advance Parties will move in accordance with Appendix "C". For the purpose of the move they will be grouped as set out. OC convoys to be nominated by H.Q. 5 and 8 Aust Inf Bdes.
- (d) Ninety (90) x 3 ton lorries from Gen Tpt Coy will be available for transportation of surplus personnel. Vehs will report in accordance with App. "E".
- (e) Units who arrive at Gin Gin before Units move out from the Camp nominated in App. "A", will see that there is no congestion for outgoing Units at exits. Rest is necessary at this point for Gen Tpt Pls.
- (f) Carriers will be transported by rail under arrangements to be advised later.
- (g) Vehs will move in accordance with 2 Aust Div S.O. Movement.
- (h) Speed 18 MPH. Density 88 yds between vehs, 440 yds between blocks. Blocks will average 8 vehs.
- (i) Special attention is drawn to 2 Aust Div Insta for movement of MT.

4. HALTS.

10 minute halts will be taken at times specified in App "D" by Main Body.

5. ROUTE.

As per App. "B".

6. SUPPLIES.

- (a) Unconsumed portion of days ration to be carried.
- (b) Indents for consumption day after arrival at new location to be placed with MSC at new location 4 days prior to movement.

7. CAMP EQUIPMENT.

- (a) All tents and floorboards will remain in situ.
- (b) No item of camp equipment excess of WET will be taken from present location.
- (c) Any excess of camp equipment to WET held by units, will be returned to Camp QM's under arrangements with Camp S.O.

(d) Particular attention is drawn to water tanks which have been installed in camp lines. These will NOT be moved under any circumstances.

8. CAMP AMENITIES.

- (a) No camp amenities, or part of any hut or building will be removed.
- (b) Conveniences constructed will remain complete in the present site. This also includes any hygiene improvements.

9. ENGINEERS STORES.

Engineers Stores Dumps will be taken over in situ.

10. DISCIPLINE.

Special attention will be paid to neatness in loading of trucks, dress, seating of personnel and general conduct of troops.

11. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

(a) CP's will be established by 2 Aust Div Prov Coy as follows at appropriate times :-

- 1 and 3 Nov 42 ; Starting Points,
MUCHA turn off.
MOOLIBERNIE turn off.
Dispersal Points.

(b) 2 Aust Div Prov Coy will be responsible for guiding Units from Dispersal Points to respective camps.

12. MARCH THROUGH PERTH.

- (a) It is anticipated that a march through Perth will take place on 3 Nov 42 by two companies from each Bn of 8 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) Advance Parties have been increased and these tps should be selected for the march.
- (c) Detailed instructions in this regard will be issued later.

13. CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE.

Certificates will be obtained from incoming Units in regard to cleanliness and condition of amenities prior to moving from the Area. Copies of this certificate will reach this HQ within 48 hours of movement.

G.P. Adams
(G.P. ADAMS) Major.
D.A.Q.M.G. 2 Aust. Div.

DISTRIBUTION :

5 Aust Inf Bde	5	D.A.A.G.	1
8 Aust Inf Bde	5	D.A.D.O.S. (E)	1
R.A.A. 2 Aust Div	3	D.A.D.O.S.	1
R.A.E. 2 Aust Div	3	Int Sec	1
A.A.S.C. 2 Aust. Div.	3	Sigs 2 Aust Div	3
3 Aust Corps	2	Cash Office	1
G.S.O.I.	1	Postal	1
A.D.M.S.	3	F.S.S.	1
A.D.O.S.	5	War Diary	2
A.A. & Q.M.G.	1	File	1
D.A.Q.M.G.	1	D.A.P.M.	1
		2 Div Prov Coy	1

APPENDIX "A" TO
"Q" ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 12.

SECRET.

SERIAL	UNIT	DATE OF MOVEMENT.		APPROX No OF PERSONNEL		FROM	TO
		ADV PARTY	MAIN BODY	ADV PARTY	MAIN BODY		
1	H.Q. 5 Inf Bde	1 Nov	3 Nov	14	44	No 1 Camp BELLEVUE	No 6 Camp GIN GIN
2	253 L.A.D.	"	"	-	14	"	"
3	J Sec Sigs	"	"	5	34	"	"
4	44 Inf Bn	"	"	300	472	"	"
5	54 " "	"	"	300	588	"	"
6	56 " "	"	"	300	617	"	"
7	14 Bty 104 A/Tk Regt	"	"	20	145	"	"
8	17 Coy AMSC	"	"	50	288	" 12 " Greenmount	" 2 " "
9	5 Fd Amb	"	"	25	191	" 9 " BUSHLEAD	" 8 " "
10	5 Fd Coy	"	"	30	190	" 19 " GREENMOUNT	" 4 " "
11	No. 1 Sec Div Ord Wkshop	"	"	15	68	" 18 " BELLEVUE	" 9 " "
12	No. 1 Sec Div Ord Fd Pk	"	"	-	17	" 17 " "	" 3 " "
13	H.Q. 8 Inf Bde	"	"	14	67	" 6 " "	" 3 " "
14	251 L.A.D.	"	"	-	10	" 6 " GIN GIN	" 1 " BELLEVUE
15	K Sec Sigs	"	"	5	39	" 6 " "	" 1 " "
16	4 Inf Bn	"	"	300	534	" 6 " "	" 1 " "
17	30 Inf Bn	"	"	300	557	" 10 " "	" 3 " "
18	35 " "	"	"	300	543	" 1 " "	" 4 " "
19	13 Bty 104 A/Tk Regt	"	"	20	142	" 7 " "	" 5 " "
20	18 Coy AMSC	"	"	50	312	" 2 " "	" 12 " GREENMOUNT
21	8 Fd Amb	"	"	25	182	" 8 " "	" 9 " BUSHLEAD
22	8 Fd Coy	"	"	30	195	" 4 " "	" 19 " GREENMOUNT
23	No. 3 Sec Div Ord Wkshop	"	"	15	68	" 9 " "	" 18 " BELLEVUE
24	No. 3 Sec Div Ord Fd Pk	"	"	-	16	" 3 " "	" 17 " "

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APPENDIX "B" to
"Q" ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 12.

SECRET.

MOVEMENT OF MAIN BODY.

SERIAL NO	DATE	UNIT	APPROX No. OF VEHs	S.P.	TIME PAST S.P.	ROUTE	DISPERSAL POINT	REMARKS
1	3 Nov	H.Q. 5 Inf Bde	12	Rd Junc TOODYAY Rd	} 0910	Via MIDLAND JUNC - MENKETHARA Rd thence via MUCHEA	Rd Junc MUCHEA Rd & Entrance Camp No. 10	Incl Gen Tpt Coy Vehs
2	"	253 L.A.D.	5	& MIDLAND JUNC -				
3	"	J Sec Sigs	8	MENKETHARA Rd				
4	"	44 Inf Bn	71	do				
5	"	54 " "	79	do				
6	"	56 " "	78	do				
7	"	14 Bty 104 A/T Rt.	20	do				
8	"	17 Coy ASC	109	do				
9	"	5 Fd Amb	17	do				
10	"	5 Fd Coy	28	do				
11	"	No 1 Sec D.O.W.	14	do				
12	"	No 1 Sec D.O.F.P.	10	do				
13	"	H.Q. 8 Inf Bde	13	} Entrance Camp No 1 GIN GIN				
14	"	251 L.A.D.	4					
15	"	K Sec Sigs	8					
16	"	4 Inf Bn	87					
17	"	30 " "	86					
18	"	35 " "	88					
19	"	13 Bty 104 A/T Rt	23					
20	"	18 Coy ASC	90					
21	"	8 Fd Coy	28					
22	"	8 Fd Amb	21					
23	"	No. 3 Sec D.O.W.	14					
24	"	No. 3 Sec D.O.F.P.	8					

APPENDIX "C" to
"Q" ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 12.

MOVEMENT OF ADVANCE PARTIES.

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GROUP	DATE	UNIT	APPROX No. OF V.H.S	S.P.	TIME PAST S.P.	ROUTE	DISPERSAL POINT	REMARKS
A	1 Nov	H.Q. 5 Inf Bde	4	Rd June TOODYAY Rd & MIDLAND JUNG - MURKETH R. Rds	0830	Via MIDLAND JUNG - MURKETH R. Rd thence via MURKETH	Rd June MURKETH Rd & Entrance Camp No. 10	
	1 Nov	J Sec Sigs	1					
	"	44 Inf Bn	29					
	"	54 " "	29					
B	"	14 Bty 104 A/T Rt	4	do	0910	do	do	
	"	17 Coy ASC	10					
	"	5 Fd Amb	4					
	"	5 Fd Coy	5					
C	"	No. 1 Sec D.O.W.	3	Entrance Camp No 1 GIN GIN	1400	Via MURKETH thence by MIDLAND JUNG - MURKETH R. Rd.	Rd June TOODYAY Rd & MIDLAND JUNG - MURKETH R. Rd	
	"	H.Q. 8 Inf Bde	4					
	"	K Sec Sigs	1					
	"	4 Inf Bn	29					
D	"	30 " "	29	do	1440	do	do	
	"	35 " "	29					
	"	13 Bty 104 A/T Rt	4					
	"	18 Coy ASC	10					
	"	8 Fd Amb	4					
	"	8 Fd Coy	5					
	"	No 3 Sec D.O.W.	3					

NOTE : Cut lunches to be carried by Gps A & B.

APPENDIX "D" to

SECRET"Q ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 12.HALT TIMES

SERIAL.	UNIT.	3 NOV.
1	H.Q. 5 Inf Bde	1010 hrs
2	253 L.A.D.	
3	J Sec Sigs	
4	44 Bn	0900 hrs
5	54 Bn	1110 hrs
6	56 Bn	0900 hrs
7 ⁿ	14 Bty 104 A/T Regt	1200 hrs
8	17 Coy MISC	1010 hrs
9	5 Fd Amb	1200 hrs
10	5 Fd Coy	1110 hrs
11	No. 1 Sec D.O.W.	1200 hrs
12	No. 1 Sec D.O.F.P.	
13	H.Q. 8 Inf Bde	1300 hrs & 1410 hrs
14	251 L.A.D.	
15	K Sec Sigs	
16	4 Bn	1300 hrs & 1410 hrs
17	30 Bn	1440 hrs & 1550 hrs
18	35 Bn	1210 hrs & 1320 hrs
19	13 Bty 104 A/T Regt	1520 hrs & 1630 hrs
20	18 Coy MISC	1400 hrs & 1510 hrs
21	8 Fd Amb	1520 hrs & 1630 hrs
22	8 Fd Coy	1520 hrs & 1630 hrs
23	No. 3 Sec D.O.W.	1520 hrs & 1630 hrs
24	No. 3 Sec D.O.F.P.	

APPENDIX "B" to
 "Q" ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 12.

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SERIAL	DATE	TIME	No. OF VEHS	REPORT TO		DATE	TIME	No. OF VEHS	REPORT TO	
				UNIT	CAMP AREA				UNIT	CAMP AREA
1	3 Nov	0700	30	44 Inf Bn	Camp 5 BELLEVUE	3 Nov	1050	30	35 Inf Bn	Camp No. 7 GIN GIN
2	3 Nov	0730	30	56 Inf Bn	Camp. 3 BELLEVUE	3 Nov	1135	30	4 Inf Bn	Camp No. 10 GIN GIN
3	3 Nov	0915	30	54 Inf Bn	Camp 4 BELLEVUE	3 Nov	1315	30	30 Inf Bn	Camp No. 1 GIN GIN

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TO *44th Bn 54th Bn 56th Bn*

FROM *5 Bde*

Originator's Number
OB5

Date
29

In Reply to Number

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<i>new</i>	<i>instr</i>	<i>follow</i>			

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<i>through</i>	<i>copy</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>2 Aust</i>	<i>Dir.</i>	<i>B.</i>
<i>Adm</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>No 12</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>Oct</i>
<i>0</i>	<i>ref</i>	<i>para</i>	<i>3 (C)</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>Appt</i>
<i>"C"</i>	<i>Capt</i>	<i>Korhem</i>	<i>5 8th Hq.</i>	<i>ord</i>	<i>be</i>
<i>gc</i>	<i>Convoy</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>A.</i>		

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TO 44 Bn 54 Bn 56 Bn.

FROM 5 Aust Inf Bde.

Originator's Number
DC 301

Date
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In Reply to Number
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<u>Warning</u>	<u>order</u>	<u>⊙</u>	<u>ref</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Bde</u>
<u>212/42</u>	<u>dated</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>⊙</u>	<u>Main</u>
<u>bodies</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>prepared</u>	<u>effect</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>hos</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>⊙</u>	<u>ack</u>	<u>JB 356</u>		

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TO *44 Bn, 54 Bn, 56 Bn, 14 A Tk Bty, 5 Pd Coy, 17 Coy AASC, 5 Pd Amb, 51 DOW, 51 DOFP.* (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM *5 Aust Inf Bde* Originator's Number *RA 122* Date *31* In Reply to Number

<i>Straw</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>empty</i>	<i>palllasses</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>be</i>	<i>taken</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>Salvage</i>	<i>Coy</i>	<i>(.)</i>
<i>Units</i>	<i>provide</i>	<i>own</i>	<i>transport</i>		

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TO

All Regts

FROM

Act 2/4

Originator's Number

K 1

Date

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In Reply to Number.

<i>ref 7 Adv Party</i>	<i>Straw</i>	<i>will be dumped</i>
<i>file.</i>	<i>officer</i>	<i>by 0600 hrs</i>
<i>1 Not</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>personnel to</i>
<i>dump</i>	<i>Brooks</i>	<i>supervise dump</i>
<i>Care</i>	<i>to be taken</i>	<i>that straw is NOT</i>
<i>pired</i>	<i>ack on</i>	<i>back</i>

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M. H. King
capt

SIGNED

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Headquarters.
54 Aust. Inf. Bn.
AUSTRALIA.
31 October, 42.

ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION NO. 20.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

1. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn. will move from present location on 1/2 Nov. 42., and occupy Camp No.7 at Gin Gin, at present occupied by 35 Aust. Inf. Bn.

2. MOVEMENT.

- (a) Movement will be by M.T. under instructions from 5 Aust. Inf. Bde.

Adv. party 1 Oct. 42. ^{Nov.}

Main body 2 Oct. 42. (instructions to be issued later). ^{Nov.}

- (b) Adv. party under comd. Capt. V.V. Kinchington.

- (c) O.C. Convoy - Capt. Barham, 5 Aust. Inf. Bde.

- (d) S.P. Rd. Junc. TOODYAY & MIDLAND JUNCT. - MEEKATHARRA Rds.

- (e) Time past S.P. - 0830 hrs. 1 Nov. 42. ⁰⁸⁰⁰

Speed - 18 MPH.

Density 88 yds. between vehicles, 440 yds. between Blocks.

Blocks will average 8 vehicles.

Route - Via MIDLAND JUNC. - MEEKATHARRA Rd., thence via MUCHEA.

3. HALTS

10 min. halts will be observed by direction of O.C. Convoy. Time to be notified later.

Vehicles will take all cover available and personnel will debus to gain the maximum rest and relief from this break.

One man will be detailed to watch vehicle ahead and give warning of preparations for a forward move.

4. COMPOSITION.

Adv. party will be composed as follows :

HQ Coy	- 1 Off.	28 ORs	Incl. 8 drs.	& 1 D.R.
A "	- 1 "	9 "	" "	1 dr. &
B "	- 1 "	9 "	" "	1 "
C "	- 1 "	9 "	" "	1 "
D "	- 1 "	12 "	" "	1 " & 3 Cooks.
E "	- 1 "	9 "	" "	1 "
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TOTAL	- 9 "	81 "	" "	90 all ranks.
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 5. ORDER OF MARCH.

BLOCK 1.

H34. Q.M.
 H22. 2 i/c. baggage.
 H23. A/Adjt.
 H2. "I" Sec.
 H24. HQ personnel.
 H25. " " "
 H5. A Coy "

BLOCK 2.

B5. B Coy. personnel.
 C5. C " "
 E17. E " "
 H49. W/Cart.
 H50. " "
 D6. D Coy. Kitchen.
 D5. D " personnel.

6. ASSEMBLY PT. - Head of col. camp X Rds.

7. SUPPLIES.

- (a) Unconsumed portion of day's rations to be carried.
 (b) D Coy. kitchen to cook for adv. party till arrival of main body.
 (c) D Coy main body to be attached for rations from midday 1 Nov. until arrival at GIN GIN as under :

Coy. HQ. & one Pl. - HQ Coy.
 One Pl. - A " "
 One Pl. - C " "

8(a) LOADING.

All trucks to be loaded and lined up at assembly Pt. by 0730 hrs.

(b) BAGGAGE TRUCKS

H22.	will report to D Coy. lines at 0630 hrs.
" "	" " " " " " " " 0645 "
" "	" " " " " " " " 0700 "
H23.	" " " " " " " " 0630 hrs.
" "	" " " " " " " " 0645 "
" "	" " " " " " " " 0700 "

9. REVEILLE for Adv. party - 0530 hrs.

BREAKFAST " " " - under Coy. arrangements.

10. M.F. DISCIPLINE.

Special attention will be paid to neatness in loading of trucks, dress, seating of personnel and general conduct of tps.

11. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

C.P's will be established by 2 Aust. Div. Prov. Coy as follows :

S.P's.
 MUCHEA turn off.
 MOOLIABEENE turn off.
 Dispersal pts.

W. A. CANTRILL, Capt.
 Adj. 54 Aust. Inf. Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

5 Aust. Inf. Bn.	1	C.O.	1
HQ Coy	1	2 i/c	1
A "	1	Adjt.	1
B "	1	Q.M.	1
C "	1	T.O.	1
D "	1	File	2
E "	1	War Diary	2

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WITH 8 AUST INF BDE.

1. 2 Aust Div Units in BELLEVUE CAMP area and GINGIN CAMP Area will change locations on 1, 2, 3 and 6 Nov. 42 as per Appx 'A'.
2. Units in BELLEVUE will move under Comd 5 Aust Inf Bde and Units in GINGIN will move under Comd 8 Aust Inf Bde excl A Tk Units which will interchange under direction RAA 2 Aust Div.
3. Movement will be by M.T with exception of Carriers which will be transported by rail under arrangements to be made and advised by 2 Aust Div.
4. Troop Carriers - 30 x 3 ton lorries from 3 Aust Corps Gen Tpt Coy will be available to each Inf Bn at 0720 hours on 2 Nov. 42. An Officer or N.C.O will meet lorries at entrance to respective camps at time stated.
5. Routes and Timings - Adv Parties - see Appx 'B'. Main Body - See Appx 'C'
6. Traffic Control:
 - (a) TPs will be established by 2 Aust Div Prov Coy as follows:
 - S.P
 - MUCHEA turn off
 - MOOLIABEENEE turn off.
 - Dispersal points
 - (b) 2 Aust Div Prov Coy is providing guides for Units from dispersal pts to respective Camps.
7. Road Discipline: Special attention is drawn to 2 Aust Div S.Os for Movement. Special attention will be paid to neatness in loading of trucks, dress, seating of personnel and general conduct of tps.
8. Halts - one ten min halt as per Appx 'B', and 'C'
9. Supplies:
 - (a) unconsumed portion of days ration will be carried.
 - (b) indents for consumption day after arrival at new location to be placed with AASC at new location prior to movement
10. Camp Equipment:
 - (a) Tents and floorboards will remain in situ. Any variations in holdings being adjusted by inter-unit transfer.
 - (b) No items in excess of WET and scale 'A' will be taken from present location. Excess items (if any) will be returned to Ord or Camp Q.M. as appropriate.

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11. Engineer Stores:- Engineer Stores Dumps will be taken over in situ. Portable showers for 5 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be drawn from 5 Fd Coy Dump GINGIN under arrangements to be made and advised later by 5 Aust Inf Bde H.Q.

12. Camp Amenities:

All existing Camp Amenities will remain in situ. No building or part thereof is to be removed.

Conveniences constructed will remain complete in present situ. This applies particularly to hot water installations, incinerators and hygiene facilities which will NOT be interfered with under any circumstances.

13. Certificate of Clearance - certificates will be obtained from incoming Units in regard to cleanliness of lines and condition of amenities prior to moving from the area. Copies to reach this H.Q. within 36 hours of movement.

14. Adv Parties: Strength of Adv Parties will be as follows:

- 5 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. and attached tps. 12.
- 56 Aust Inf Bn (incl pers already occupying CWP's Etc). 240.
- 44 Aust Inf Bn. } 90. each.
- 54 Aust Inf Bn. }
- 5 Fd Coy RAE 60.
- 17 Coy AASC 40.
- 5 Aust Fd Amb. 45.
- Sec Ord Fd Wkshop. } 10.
- Sec Ord Fd Pk. }

R.T. Bryen
(R.T. BRYEN) Maj
BM 5 Aust Inf Bde.

<u>DISTRIBUTION.</u>	<u>Copy No</u>	<u>Appx 'A'</u>	<u>Appx 'B'</u>	<u>Appx 'C'</u>
44 Aust Inf Bn.	1	1	1	1
54 Aust Inf Bn.	2	2	2	2
56 Aust Inf Bn.	3	3	3	3
14 A Tk Bty.	4	-	-	-
5 Fd Coy RAE	5	4	4	4
17 Coy AASC	6	5	5	5
5 Aust Fd Amb.	7	6	6	6
No.1 Sec Div Or Wkshops.	8	7	7	7
" " Div Ord Fd Pk.	9	8	8	8
'J' Sec Sigs.	10	9	9	9
253 LAD	11	10	10	10
2 Aust Div.	12	12	11	11
8 Aust Inf Bde.	13	12	12	12
Comd.	14	13	13	13
B.M	15	14	14	14
SC	16	15	15	15
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APPX "A" TO 5 AUST INF BDE MOVEMENT ORDER NO 6

S E C R E T

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SERIAL	UNIT	DATE OF MOVEMENT		NEW LOCATION AT GIN GIN	
		ADV PARTY	MAIN BODY	CAMP NO.	UNIT NOW OCCUPYING
1	HQ 5 AUST LAF BDE	1 Nov	2 Nov	6	HQ 8 AUST INF BDE
2	253 AUST LAD	"	"	6	251 AUST LAD
3	J SEC SIGS	"	"	6	K SEC SIGS
4	44 AUST INF BN	"	"	10	4 AUST INF BN
5	54 AUST INF BN	"	"	7	35 AUST INF BN
6	56 AUST INF BN	"	"	1	30 AUST INF BN
7	17 COY, AASC	1 Nov	3 Nov	8	18 COY, AASC
8	5 AUST FD AMB	"	"	4	8 AUST FD AMB
9	5 AUST FD COY, RAE	"	"	9	8 AUST FD COY, RAE
10	NO 1 SEC DIV ORD WKSHOP	"	"	3	NO 2 SEC DIV ORD WKSHOP
11	NO 1 SEC DIV ORD FD PK	"	"	3	NO 2 SEC DIV ORD FD PK
12	14 BTY, 104 AUST A TK REGT	1 Nov	6 Nov	2	13 BTY, 104 AUST A TK REGT

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MOVEMENT TABLE -- ADVANCE PARTY

ROUTE - MIDLAND JUNC - MEEKETHARRA Rd to MUCHEA thence MUCHEA - GIN GIN Rd to dispersal pts.
 SP - Rd junc TOODYAY Rd and MEEKETHARRA Rd.

SERIAL	UNIT	NO OF VEHS	TIME PAST		TIME 40 MIN HALT TAKEN	TIME OF ARR (Rd Junc 906177 GINGIN LESCH 1")	SPEED AND DENSITY	REMARKS
			SP	TP				
1	54 Aust Inf Bn	14	0800	0910	0850	0955	18 MIH (av 21.6 mph)	2 blocks
2	56 Aust Inf Bn	15	0815	0925	0905	1010		2 blocks
3	5 Fd Amb Div Ord Wkshop) Div Ord Fd Pk)	7 2	0830	0940	0920	1025	88 yds between vhs. 440 yds between blocks	1 block
4	5 Aust Inf Bde HQ) J Sec Sigs) 253 LAD)	3	0845	0955	0935	1040		do
5	17 Coy, AASC	16	0900	1010	0950	1055		2 blocks
6	5 Aust Fd Coy R.	7	0915	1025	1005	1110		1 block
7	44 Aust Inf Bn	12	0930	1040	1020	1125		do

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MOVEMENT TABLE - MAIN BODY.

ROUTE: WILLAND JUNG - MEEKETHARRA RD to MUCHEA thence MUCHEA-GINGIN RD to dispersal pts. ✓

S.P. Rd June TOODYAY RD and MEEKETHARRA RD. ✓

o.c. Conway. Staff: Lt Jankin.

DATE 1942.	SERIAL	UNIT	NO OF VEHS	TIME PAST		TIME 10 MIN HALTS TAKEN	TIME OF ARRIVAL (RD JUNG 906177 GINGIN LESCH 1")	SPEED AND DENSITY
				SP	TP			
Nov. 2.	1	54 Aust Inf Bn.	38	0800	0910	0850	0955	18 MPH (Av of 21.6 MPH)
	2	56 Aust Inf Bn	65	0845	0955	0935	1040	Blocks av 8 vehs.
	3	5 Bde H.Q. } J Sec Sigs } 253 LAD }	26	0930	1040	1020	1125	88 yds between vehs.
	4	44 Aust Inf Bn	92	0945	1055	1035	1140	440 yd between blocks.

Nov 3.	5	5 Fd Amb	30	0830	0940	0920	1025	
	6	Sec Div Ord } Wkshop } Sec Div Ord Fd }	25	0900	1010	0950	1055	
	7.	17 Coy AASJ	91	0915	1025	1005	1110	
	8.	5 Fd Coy RAE	25	1000	1110	1050	1155	

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